

have been enrolled by the organization, under the UAW.)

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker, recently married.

Andrew Erickson, veteran member of Electrical Workers' Local 238, is seriously ill at his Fleetwood street home.

Mrs. Walter Rothel is recovering from an appendicitis in a Portland hospital.

Richard Wilson says spring is here. Well, it looks like we will have to agree with him because he is busy getting the old motorboat ready for sailing in Casco Bay.

They say Larry (Cappy) Gardner has been asking some questions on matrimony. Can it be that the Love Bug has been biting him? Well, time will tell!

Have you heard that the stock will pay another visit to the Barry Lowell family?

The John R. Kitchen family celebrated birthdays during March. Miss Jacqueline was hostess to a number of her young friends at the Lafayette Hotel.

Several new members have been admitted to Electrical Workers' Local 238.

Winners in a recent safety speaker program sponsored by E. T. Emerson, safety director of the Cumberland County Power Plant, Inc., included President Philip Place, Charles Foran and former Secretary Raymond Boudreau of Local 238.

Mrs. Harry Geller has been elected Secretary of the Portland Council of Jewish Women.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott are at their home, 249 Vaughan street, where it is reported a housewarming will soon take place.

Bugs sign of Spring: Carl Rawcliffe making regular week-end trips to Hampden.

Arthur Gallant will purchase a new home soon.

James P. Kilmarin is getting his summer home at Raymond ready for occupancy.

Ralph Irish will move to his Bonny Eagle cottage in the near future.

Albert (Doc) Niles will spend the summer at Peaks Island.

Harry McLean and family have already moved to their Peaks Island home.

Portland Labor leaders are pleased to note that Mr. White, manager of the Montgomery Ward Co. Portland store has been transferred.

Victor Erickson will soon start cultivating on his Burton farm. We wonder if goats will be the topic of the day?

Leonard Arbo is busy getting his Fernald Farm ready for the season.

Fritz Colley, inspector for the local transportation company, will become a regular reader of The Labor News now that he has signed for a year's subscription.

John Steele, starter in Monument Square, has parted with his long sheepskin coat. Says John: "Well, it sure felt nice during the past winter. Another sign of Spring!"

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anniversary celebration of the Central Labor Union and Truck Drivers' Local 240. If you do not want to be disappointed, call David Hastings, 4-4821. Remember the date, May 2, Eastland Hotel Ballroom.

A good way to cooperate with National Defense is to work safely, avoid accidents at home and on the job. The Nation needs all the man-hours possible.

In and Out of the News

PLUMBERS DENOUNCE WASTEFUL SPENDING

Wasteful and unnecessary spending of public money will prove the downfall of the nation. This was the gist of the speech delivered by Chairman Edward C. Berry of the Portland City Council, given before the 4th annual convention of the Maine State Association of Master Plumbers, recently.

The setting was the Falmouth Hotel and the meeting was largely attended. Stating that national expenditures should be confined to essentials of government in order to assure sufficient funds for the development of the national defense program, Mr. Berry pointed out that the interest on the present Federal debt was \$2,000 for every minute of every hour of the 24-hour day. He especially decried the present trend to slacken effort and to look to the government for assistance in ordinary human affairs, hitherto personally assumed and carried into execution. "For every job, however great there is the inevitable tax. In time, the public will realize this age-old truth."

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2000 New Subscribers for Maine Labor News in One Month

"Increase number of copies for the April issue of the Maine State Labor News 2000," was an order received during the week from Treasurer Richard W. Gustin of the Maine State Federation of Labor, who, aside from his other duties, is also circulation manager.

This is a record-breaker for any one month since the Maine State Labor News was started nearly 10 years ago. Additions to the list of paid subscribers this month, to the number of 2,000, is the result of an intensive campaign started by all members of the Executive Board several months ago and the result has been most amazing. Building mechanics, paper makers, textile workers, and other unions subscribed for all their members, and the success scored by members of the Executive Council, who have gone into their work determinedly, has fair to be a record for the Maine State Federation of Labor News in the history of its circulation campaign to the willingness demonstrated by members of newly

formed locals, to become subscribers, after having become acquainted with The Labor News through the distribution of sample copies at meetings. This is followed by talks on the importance of The Labor News as a medium of publicity covering the activities of Labor throughout the State and Nation.

Also of particular interest is a letter from a member of the Executive Council, whose members subscribed for The Labor News as individuals. "It was most pleasing," he writes, "that when seeking renewals of subscriptions from members of this local, only two of the more than 115 members asked to have the paper discontinued. One of these was an elderly man who had partially lost his eyesight, while the other is a draftsman, and at the time was not aware as to his future address."

Members of the Federation's Executive Council are a unit in proclaiming that benefits derived by the Federation in its organizing and other activities by The Labor News greatly facilitates their work, and are greatly encouraged to continue their campaign to include all members of local unions in the state as regular subscribers.

Study of Apprenticeship System Released in Part After Several Months of Intensive Research

By ALBERT N. TARDIF, President, Portland Typographical Union No. 66.

The tremendous expenditure of money and time, it caused little inconvenience to the employer. All he had to do was to advertise for the type of help needed to operate the machine, currently in use, and he got it. The old hands were laid off. They were supposed to solve their own problems, and thus a social problem was born. A tradesman, however, is not so easily outmoded into the ranks of the unemployed.

One industry which recognized the wisdom of a well-planned apprenticeship program is the printing industry. In closed shops, apprentices are indoctrinated. The agreement signed by the employer and the apprentice specifies clearly the number of years the beginner is to be employed at each operation connected with the printing trade, and the salary is received. This is usually based on a certain percentage of the scale paid to journeymen. When the apprentice graduates, he is an expert at the business, and can qualify for employment in other shops.

The Portland Central Labor Union, wishing to learn what the government is doing to encourage the development of apprenticeship training programs in general, and other forms of trade training, appointed a one-man committee to study this matter and report my findings. Here is what I learned on this assignment.

By Mr. Tardif, President of the T. A. C. L. U., Commissioner of Education, Dr. Studenbaker, and ask to be sent their latest bulletin on vocational training in preparation for national defense. That bulletin outlines many activities in that field.

First, it explains the channels through which the funds travel before (Continued on Page 7)



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A Warning to Labor

In Washington last week, Representative Mary Norton, chairman of the House Committee on Labor, sounded a warning to both employers and unions that they must be more cooperative lest advocates of legislation to curb strikes may be successful in their efforts.

"I am unalterably opposed to anti-strike legislation," Mrs. Norton said, "but I have sense enough to know that unless labor unions get together and declare a truce for the duration of the war, in jurisdictional strikes, and employers and employees compromise their differences, it will be impossible to prevent this legislation, or even to preserve the legislation we have worked so hard to enact."

Of course, there is much logic in what Representative Norton says, and it should be taken to heart by representatives of labor and industry. But to take just one instance, that of the trouble now raging at the Chicago plant of the International Harvester Company, it is our opinion that the National Labor Relations Board should step in and exercise its authority.

In this case, the A. F. of L. members have a contract with the company and are determined to abide by its terms, while members of the CIO are attempting to coerce all employees to strike. Frequent clashes between the contract-abiding A. F. of L. men and CIO pickets have been the cause for much excitement at the company's gates.

Labor, as exemplified by the A. F. of L., maintains that a jurisdictional strike is one which occurs when unions of two different crafts claim jurisdiction over the same workers. The controversy at the Chicago plant can in no sense be termed a jurisdictional strike, as it is simply a repetition of the CIO's policy to raid legitimate A. F. of L. unions wherever possible, and to cause industrial strife in following the Communist "party line".

It has been ably stated in recent issues of this newspaper that much publicity has been given to the comparatively few strikes now taking place, but that no publicity at all is given to those thousands of unions having pleasant relations with employers.

We are of the opinion, and have been ever since the CIO secured a stronghold in some defense industries, that this series of strikes is but part of the well-defined plan of the Communist leaders of CIO unions to do all in their power to retard the National Defense program as a means for furthering the party's aim of world revolution.

Minority Strikes As Organizational Strategy Endanger Freedom We Seek to Defend

President William Green of the American Federation of Labor has called upon all A. F. of L. unions to do everything in their power to avoid strikes in national defense industries.

Writing on "Labor's Obligation" in the April issue of the American Federationist, official magazine of the A. F. of L., Mr. Green made it clear that he considers it the duty of unions, when serious controversies with employers arise to submit the issues to mediation and arbitration.

"While we must insist upon fundamental principles," Mr. Green declared, "when collective bargaining breaks down we should submit issues to mediation and arbitration, doing everything within our power to avoid strikes."

"The future of our nation, our democratic institutions and the very existence of a free labor movement are at stake. The American labor movement will as always give unreserved service to the cause of freedom."

Mr. Green said the "key issue" in the present war is "personal freedom" and he added that this was "the goal which has inspired organized labor throughout the ages."

"In the name of the American Federation of Labor, I solemnly remind all national and international unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, their affiliated unions and all unions directly affiliated to the Federation, that our service and cooperation will have a determining influence both in the Battle of Britain and in

the planning and development of New World defense.

"Under legislation guaranteeing the right to union membership, we have made substantial progress in extending union organization. By responsible leadership and union cooperation for the effectuation of national defense we have opportunity to demonstrate the constructive nature of our movement and the responsible self-discipline which democratic institutions develop."

In a second signed editorial in the magazine, the A. F. of L. president characterized minority strikes and the presence of Communists in positions of influence in labor unions as "the two gravest dangers which menace defense production."

The text of the second editorial follows, in part:

"We steadfastly charge that when a responsible union official countenances Communists in representative capacity or sanctions Communist policies or practices, he is false to the American trade union movement and unworthy of the principles which our government affords him."

"The second menace to our defense program is the strike by a minority group to gain control by strategy that has not been earned on a basis of union membership. The picket line keeps workers out of the plant so that production is stopped and the minority leaders, with the help of government friends, gain credit for negotiating a truce. Later the picket line is used to force payment of union dues."

"The American Federation of Labor holds that union members and unionism do not result from these methods. Strikes to right wrongs are the inalienable right of free workers. But minority strikes as organizational strategy are quite another matter and endanger the freedom we seek to defend."

Should Wages Be "Stabilized"?

In its current monthly summary of the general business and industrial situation, the American Federation of Labor reviews some of the main factors underlying the present situation, particularly regarding prices and wage scales. The term used to define this new phase of readjustment is called "stabilization of wages". It has implications both deep and wide, and of serious import alike to labor and industry.

Plainly, a movement is started to stabilize (or freeze) wages at or about their present level. The reason given is that, "if wages rise, prices must also increase, and the nation must guard against the danger of inflation."

The answer to this argument is, that wages can be increased without substantially raising prices, if the workers' rate of production is taken into account. Last year, 1940, wages (per hour) in the nation's factories rose an average of five per cent; but the basic cost of labor did not increase. On the other hand, in some cases the cost of labor actually declined. Increased production made this possible. With new machines in use and plants working nearer capacity, production per man-hour in 1940 rose almost five per cent.

Labor asks: "If the employer's labor cost does not increase when wages rise, do prices have to be raised?" The obvious answer is, they do not!

In further proof of this, it is shown that, from 1929 to 1940, factory wages per hour rose 20 per cent (average), but wholesale prices of goods produced by factories actually dropped 15 per cent, while the cost of living dropped by 18 per cent. Why was this? Because workers' production per hour rose 40 per cent!

Labor is vitally interested in placing these facts before the public to avoid misunderstanding. The issue is a crucial one. To stop wage increases when industry is able to pay, robs the underprivileged man and pays a higher profit to those whose gains, from national defense work, are already high.

And the key solution is—that wage increases can be made without generating price increases by the sole means of collective bargaining. This policy permits the negotiating cards to be laid frankly upon the table, for an equitable and just compact.

Our Policy is Clear as Crystal

If a vestige of doubt remained in any mind as to this country's position in the current world struggle for power, the President's speech at the White House Correspondents' Association dinner should have dispelled it. There was no humor in the President's voice; there were no light touches; he had grave words to say, and he said them gravely.

That speech, coming hard on the heels of Congress' approval of the lend-lease bill, made our policy clear as crystal—we are out to destroy dictatorship, and the entire resources of this nation will be spent freely to that end. He denounced the Nazis by name. He accused them of seeking the destruction of elective systems of government on every continent, including our own. He accused them of seeking to stir up controversies and to create division within all democracies, including their own. And he said that they would fail—that the world-be conquerors will find that the forces of democracy, though they may move slowly, will in the end be supreme.

It is no secret that Britain expects that revolt in the conquered nations will eventually be a major factor contributing to Hitler's collapse. The fact that the United States has actually intervened in the war, even though only as a non-belligerent, is expected to give new hope to the millions of people who now live as virtual prisoners of the Nazi-Fascist system.

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Appellate Court
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The New York State Labor Relations law permits employer associations to bar their members from making individual agreements with unions, the Appellate Court has held. This took the form of a ruling on a suit brought

by the Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors of Greater New York, Inc., against a dissident member of that group. The employers' association had sued one of its members for violation of their common agreement. This dispute arose out of the strike of the Plumbers' Union in 1939, because the union insisted upon making individual contracts with the various members of the employers' association.

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Muddled Reasoning Given by Comm. in Rejecting Wage Law

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of labor, spoke in favor of a general minimum wage and hour law. Written communications were complaints of long hours and little pay sent in by exploited workers. This leaves the proposal of an employer of labor and the personal investigations of members of the Committee as the basis of its decision. It denies the verifiable evidence presented by Labor, the business and professional women's clubs, and the written complaints of individual Maine citizens.

The conclusions of the Committee show nothing but muddled reasoning and a naive understanding of the problem of wages and hours in the State of Maine. They fail to provide a logical basis for the rejection of a wage and hour law for Maine, or a satisfactory answer going to the expense of holding public hearings without weighing the value of those hearings.

NATIONAL LAW TOO LOW!

The present national law providing

for 30 cents an hour and a 40-hour week or, without overtime, a 55-cent week was considered too low! "It would be difficult for one to conclude that \$11 a week would provide the necessities of life or its comfort to a worker without at least limiting the number of his or her dependents." This admission of the need of a minimum wage is the reason the Committee gives for its rejection of having any law. The logical proposal that Maine's wage and hour law should provide a higher minimum wage is never presented.

The claim of the law's proponents that shorter hours would tend to increase employment was refuted with the theory that an increase in the demand for goods was the only thing that could increase employment; and that an increase in the wage of workers, resulting from a minimum wage law, was entirely unrelated to an increase in the demand for goods.

If a minimum wage law in Maine would not raise workers' wages,

it is easy to understand how it could be said to affect the demand for goods. The Committee, however, admits that a law would increase the wages of the workers and it is difficult to see how they can criticize the national law with the fundamental principles of supply and demand.

FEDERAL WAGES REDUCED!

Actual cases of employees receiving less money under the Federal law were brought to the attention of the Committee and provided for their falsity that a minimum wage law furnishes no guarantee that higher existing wages will be reduced to the minimum.

The Federal law reduced wages from forty-two to forty last fall without providing for any general rise in minimum hourly pay. Naturally, this reduced the weekly wages of certain workers, but no mention is made of the expressed purpose of the law to raise hourly rates to 40 cents an hour by 1945.

The conclusions drawn by the Committee state that a minimum wage and hour law is a stupor for the indolent and a deterrent to the ambitious and apt worker. These same workers were made in the wake of the statement that it is a week would not provide the necessities of life to a worker with dependents!

BARTER NOT BILLS

Getting down to fundamentals, however, the Committee disclosed that a bare and hour law proposed the existence of a money economy, and that in certain parts of Maine workers receive rent, food, and other necessities in return for their labor. This is a barter system. Goods, not money, are exchanged for labor.

Since a minimum wage and hour law could not affect these workers, it was deemed undesirable. The fact that these workers are among those who have the greatest need for wage and hour regulations is ignored.

A barter economy may know the existence of money and it undoubtedly exists in some regions of this State. To assume it automatically provides a reasonable return to workmen and women for their labor is to assume the existence of magic. There is absolutely no evidence the Committee's report to justify such assumption.

PIGDED BOARD

The Committee's alternative for a state minimum wage and hour law proposes that if few workers or industries disinterested citizens compile a list of nine will be set up to investigate. A board of nine will be set up to investigate. A board of nine will be set up to investigate. A board of nine will be set up to investigate.

The administration of this proposal is handicapped by the fact that a permanent commission is not created. Standard rules or regulations could be established.

Maine has had of minimum wage and maximum hour regulations. The Committee's report to justify such assumption. The Committee's report to justify such assumption.

The Committee's report is an ill-considered analysis of the admitted source material. It can hardly be expected to satisfy those citizens whose livelihood is at stake.

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LEGISLATIVE NOTES

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Already the bill proposing such a service has been uniformly reported upon by the Committee on Public Utilities. In the House, it will come up for debate in a few days.

Representative Ardine Richardson, of Bangor, master of the State Grants, is actively sponsoring the bill, which has been attached as being infinitely unimportant and as opening up the way to serious intervention with existing power line projects in Maine.

BILL TO REGULATE DELIVERY OF FUEL

Objections were registered before the Legislative Judiciary Committee to a bill regulating and supervising the sale and delivery of fuel. Opposed were representatives of several Portland and Lewiston coal and fuel companies.

Advocating the measure was a Lewiston resident who claimed to represent fuel dealers in that city. Auburn and Danville. Another speaker for the bill said it was intended to prevent domination of small fuel dealers by the larger concerns.

HOME AND FARM ABANDONMENT

The Senate declared that hundreds of people have abandoned their homes just because they cannot pay the taxes. The tax rate is constantly rising, he said, and something must be done to halt it. It must be controlled if young people are to be encouraged to build and own their own homes. If it is not done, more towns in Maine will be de-populated or taken over by the State. "Tax assessors," he said, "have decreased the value of a property."

A representative of the Maine Association of Portland stated that an emergency existed in Maine owing to the real estate situation. Under a sales tax, everybody would be treated alike, he declared. Sales tax already existed in three other categories—automobile, beer and liquor.

CAMPUS FLAG SALUTE

Political harassment was well shown at a hearing before the Legislative Committee on Education, when a representative of the Communist party assailed a bill sponsored by the American Legion to require public school pupils to salute the American flag.

Lewis Johnson, the protesting Communist, declared the proposed law was an insult to the people and would be harmful to the exacting work of the Legislature. He declared that formalities did not require that formalities.

Leading proponents of the measure included Senator George V. Brown, who declared the enactment would tend to curb and control subversive elements not actively at work in some public schools. Senator might have had in mind the present tactics in the public schools of New York City. Communist activities have led to a legislative investigation and the exposure of several school teachers in that city.

State American Legion Commander, Fred Fuller, of Waterville, drew upon the need of boosting patriotism in the schools.

REVENUE FROM SALE OF WINE

Speaking before a Committee on Temperance in a final public hearing, William T. Mayberry of Dexter stated that half a million dollars revenue a year might be realized from sales of wine in restaurants, grocery stores and drug stores.

Another bill heard by the committee recently was one to legalize the sale of hard cider. The bill would allow distillers of beer to retain 25 per cent of the retail price of the cider, 30 per cent would go to the State, while the owner of the apples from which the beverage was made would receive the remaining 45 per cent.

Hard cider has been persistently opposed by many as a licensed beverage from its well-known protected effects after undue indulgence upon the part of the drinker.

WOULD ABANDON LAST OF TROLLEYS

In a petition filed with the Public Utilities Commission, permission to abandon its last remaining street railway lines in Portland was sought by the Cumberland County Power & Light Company. Buses are desired to be substituted on the lines which are at present served by the electric cars.

This action seems strange to many who are viewing the intensified effort

to develop electric power in this country, while at the same time favoring the elimination of trolleys—one of the most dependable consumers of such generated energy.

Bangor Airport
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ment with the contractor on the Sears, Roebuck job.

Other matters disposed of at the C. L. meeting, was action on a resolution which placed some work manufactured by Procter & Gamble Co. on Labor's "We Don't Patronize" list because the wrappers used are printed under non-union conditions.

No Money Left in Maine's Vocational School Defense Fund

Representative Frank Fellows announced recently that all vocational educational money allocated to the State of Maine schools for training for defense industries had been spent, and he was told at the War Department, Office of Education, that no more was available.

Representative Fellows also reports that the War Department refused to tell how many men are to be quartered at the Bangor Air Station, or how many are married, the Department declaring this to be "restricted information".

Fellows had been asked by the Bangor school authorities, who anticipate a strain on school facilities when the air station personnel arrive, probably with children in the married quarters.

Woodland Paper Mfrs. Elect Keeneland Pres.

Members of Border Lodge No. 1490 of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, Woodland, met at their meeting held Friday, March 7th, elected Charles Keeneland as president and chose other officers for the ensuing year.

President, Robert Knudsen, recording secretary, H. H. Jones, financial secretary, W. J. Porter, treasurer, O. H. Ginn, sergeant-at-arms, J. L. Hines; wardens, R. W. Hines; Trustees and auditors, John Baron, George Russell and Wallace Gillette.

Border Lodge No. 1490 holds its meetings in Woodland Town hall on the second and last Fridays of the month.

Union Workers Strike For Higher Wages at Fashionable Hat Shop

New York City, Mar. 24 (AP)—A 30-day strike by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, affiliated with the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, ended today with the resumption of work at the fashionable hat shop of Lilly Dache, after negotiating union contracts for higher wages and a 35-hour week.

Union leaders said the 30-day strike represented the opening gun of a drive



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Nearly 150 Present at Brewer Pulp And Sulphite Workers Banquet

The first annual banquet sponsored by Brewer Local 390 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, held in the Legion rooms of Brewer Municipal Building, was a decided success according to Carroll E. Peters, the local's recording secretary.

There were nearly 150 members and guests present, who, following the dinner, listened to able and instructive addresses and a fine program of entertainment.

The principal speaker on the program was Herbert Sullivan of Worcester, Mass., who has been an official and organizer for the Brotherhood for several years, and who reviewed the past year's organizational achievements of one of the most constructive in the organization's history.

Mr. Sullivan drew principally on the organization's success in the renewal of contract with employers, and results secured in the way of increases, vacations with pay, and other liberal concessions. All this, he said, having been accomplished without serious difficulty.

Other guest speakers included City Manager Harris Eckler, Jack Tabby, secretary of the Paper Makers local, Benjamin Dorsey, president of Maine State Federation of Labor, Benjamin Poiré, superintendent of the pulp mill, Fred Lindsay, superintendent of the mechanical department, Richard Baker, president of the Paper Makers local, Richard Poiré presided as toastmaster, and was chairman of the committee of arrangements.

The entertainment program, arranged by Elmer Peters, included songs, dancing selections and musical selections by Joyce Peters, Ethel Spencer, Francis Burke, Eric Robinson and Albert Lane.

Members of the committee in charge of the banquet, besides Chairman Poiré, were: Harold Lindsay, Chester Brington, Elmer Peters, Alvin Emery, Charles Barry, William Tracy, Peter Weldon, James Strong, Jr., and Arthur Farrell.

The banquet was served by a committee from the Daniel K. O'Grady Auxiliary, American Legion, with Mrs. Fredella Poiré as chairman.

Social Security

By ALBERT N. TARDIF

29 BRANHALL STREET

INFORMATION
QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS

PORTLAND, MAINE

Any reader of The Labor News may secure, without cost, answers to questions relating to Social Security by addressing their questions to the above-named writer. The questions will be answered through this column. Only initials will be used. If a direct personal reply is desired, enclose a 3-cent stamped envelope with your address upon it.

The Federal Security Agency, in cooperation with state public employment offices, has been engaged in a nation-wide campaign to secure the registration of all skilled workers not now using their skills in their present jobs, and those unemployed workers who have skills of various types, particularly in metal trades. There is a serious shortage of skilled hands. If you have a trade and you are not

now working in that trade, it is your patriotic duty to contact your nearest public employment office and declare your qualifications. Your services are sorely needed. Employers also have been requested to cooperate by submitting the names of all their skilled help which is not employed in some capacity vital to the national defense.

A number of amendments to Maine's

Unemployment Compensation Law have been presented to the Legislature. At this writing a few have been enacted into law. Perhaps the others will be acted upon by the time this appears in print.

The first amendment which the Governor signed was S. A. Amending the Unemployment Compensation Law as to Reduce Waiting Period for Unemployment Benefits and to Preserve Benefits for Persons in the Military Service. This bill reduces the waiting period from two weeks of total unemployment to one week of total unemployment, and also from four weeks of partial unemployment, absorbing earnings of less than the weekly benefit amount, to two weeks of partial unemployment.

Furthermore, it provides: "except that for the purpose of establishing waiting period only, any week of less than full-time work for which his wages payable from any source are less than \$3 shall be counted as a week of total unemployment."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Q.—What disposal has been made of L. D. 502, an Act amending the law relating to Unemployment Compensation to Collect Contributions on Wages Paid?

A.—From the office of Charles E. Purdie, I received the following, which may answer your question: This bill was passed with the following amendments which were suggested by me to protect the rights of the workers:

"Sec. 5, P. L. 1935, c. 192, sec. 13, amended. Section 13 of chapter 192 of the public laws of 1935, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection (v) reading as follows: "(v) Unpaid wages." Wages earned by an employee for employment from employers which remain unpaid because the assets of the employer for whom such employment was rendered are in the custody of or control of an assignee for the benefit of creditors, receiver, trustee or any other fiduciary appointed by or under the control of a court of competent jurisdiction in connection with the liquidation of the assets of the employer, shall be deemed to be and shall be treated as wages for the purpose of computing such employee during the calendar year within which such wages were earned."

2. Sec. 9, P. L. 1935, c. 192, as amended. Chapter 192 of the public

laws of 1935, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section, to read as follows: "Sec. 23. Employers exempt from the provisions of the weekly payment of wages law to make report on accrued wages. All employers exempt from the provisions of the weekly payment of wages law of this state shall report to the unemployment compensation commission all accrued wages payable for each calendar year under such regulations as the commission may prescribe, including wages which have not actually been paid, but wages so reported shall be deemed to be wages paid for unemployment benefit purposes."

Apprentice System

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the student gets the benefit, Congress appropriates money. The Commission of Education here in Maine deals with state commissioners in each of the various trades, and the money to municipal boards of education who have facilities that most requirements for vocational training programs. These are part of any well equipped high school.

SELECTION OF STUDENTS

Students in these courses are selected this way. From the WPA rolls, which are left there, the Federal Government is intended to help them qualify again as craftsmen. Years of inactivity have left them with a few fainter courses solve their problem. Other students are selected from the files of the public employment bureau. The cost is divided between the Federal government and the counties where the courses are available. The city furnishes the use of machinery, light and heat, and the Federal Government pays instructor's salary, and the cost of the course is shared by the city and the Federal Government.

Another pamphlet, secured from the Department of Labor, outlined that bureau's efforts on behalf of national defense, by encouraging vocational training, old-style by taking the young and putting them to work in shops under supervision of the Federal Government. This method is similar to that used in emergency composition of the war, ascribed above. It has the approval of the A. F. of L. and was endorsed at its last convention. It is a part of a long-range program.

Such an agency was organized in increasing our supply of experienced help in the Navy. This agency has established many work-experience projects where youths between the ages of 16 and 24 may study and work at a trade.

For those of high school age, there is a standard school course, which is available in most modern high schools. An effort is being made to stimulate more interest in these courses throughout the country. State department of education representatives co-operate with local school authorities to encourage vocational training.

Governor Sewall of Maine through his dinner, speaking exercises and entertainment was held, was filled to capacity. There were tables in the rear and corner of the spacious floor to accommodate those who wanted to be in the big party which shortly followed the appointment of their friend, "Bill" Connolly, labor and civic leader, and all round good fellow, in what is considered the second most important office in the State government.

The speaking program was opened by Martin R. Twombly, vice-chairman of the committee of arrangements, who in the absence of Joseph T. Cahill, president of the Providence Central Federated Union, who is recovering from a two month illness.

The following speakers were introduced by Hon. Harry P. Currier, Governor John E. Fogarty and others present:

Testimonial to New R. I. Director of Labor

Attended by 1,000

Governor J. Howard McCreath and other State dignitaries, many of three Rhode Island cities, a member of Congress, a representative of the American Federation of Labor, Justices of the State Supreme Court, Labor Commissioners from other States, and friends to the number of nearly 1,000 joined last evening in honoring the Director of Labor for Rhode Island by Governor McCreath, a testimonial which demonstrated the high esteem in which he is held by his hosts of friends and well-wishers in all walks of life.

The entire second floor of the Narragansett Hotel in Providence, where the dinner, speaking exercises and entertainment was held, was filled to capacity. There were tables in the rear and corner of the spacious floor to accommodate those who wanted to be in the big party which shortly followed the appointment of their friend, "Bill" Connolly, labor and civic leader, and all round good fellow, in what is considered the second most important office in the State government.

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that is national, state, county and municipal affairs and labor unions. Mr. Connolly was presented with a diamond ring, and his wife and mother received handsome bouquets. Mr. Connolly, who last Sunday was re-elected president of the Rhode Island State Federation of Labor for his eighth consecutive term, has for several years been director of personnel at Pawtucket City Hall, a former instructor of printing at Pawtucket High School, and chairman of the local Housing Authority, and regarded as able, honest and conscientious. He was the recipient of expressions of confidence he will conduct his new office to the utmost satisfaction of all concerned.

Strike Still On at Burton-Dixie Mattress Plant in Chicago

Among communications read at last Wednesday night's meeting of the Portland Central Labor Union was one from the North Central States Council, District No. 2 of Chicago, announcing that the strike against the Burton-Dixie Company, manufacturers of mattresses, pillows, studio cushions, beds, automobiles pads and similar material, is still on at the company's plants in Memphis, Kansas City and other cities.

The Council asks for moral support by requesting members of trade unions not to patronize that company's products.

Paper Makers Council Elects C. Arnold Brown at Bangor Meeting

Delegates representing 14,000 members of Paper Mill Workers' Union, from all parts of the State, were present at the meeting of the Maine District Council of Paper Mill Workers, held at the Penobscot Exchange Hotel, Bangor, on Sunday, March 23.

Principal among matters discussed were wage readjustments to comply with changing conditions, shopworn machinery, and for securing vacations with pay in all mills where these have not as yet been granted. C. Arnold Brown, Woodland, was chosen president to succeed J. Paul Jones of Newport, who has served in that office for the past two years. Other officers elected are as follows: Charles Pettie, Bucksport, first vice-president; W. Chase, Mechanicville, second vice-president; R. Seabury, first vice-president; W. Lavitt, Old Town, fourth vice-president; C. Libbert, Rumford, fifth vice-president; H. Andrews, Milliswick, sixth vice-president; W. Goff, Livermore Falls, seventh vice-president; A. Barrett, of Topsham, eighth vice-president; P. Moor, Madawaska, ninth vice-president; Robert Boyd, Livermore Falls, secretary; Charles Casey, Woodland, treasurer; and R. Mitchell, Livermore Falls, assistant-treasurer.

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ing or in preparation for defense jobs, both to protect the industrial training program and to anticipate possible exhaustion of pools of skilled workers.

Sale of U. S. Defense Stamps Begins May 1.
It has been announced from Washington that the United States Treasury Department would begin the public sale of the new National Defense Savings Stamps on May 1.

It is unofficially stated that the new stamps will range from as low as ten cents, for children, to \$1,000 bonds for bankers and other moneyed persons. It is expected that the public will subscribe for three billion dollars of the new form of national obligations, a form of the old Liberty Bond issues of the first World War campaign in large funds for the Government.

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Skilled Workers to Get Draft Exemption
National Selective Service draft boards were instructed this week to defer skilled workers needed for national defense.

Brigadier General Lewis R. Hershey, draft director, declared there is a growing shortage of skilled workers and insisted that their ranks be not further depleted.

"Boards," Hershey said, "should grant deferments to persons in training."

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Freese's at Eastertime is the center for all of the style excitement in the State of Maine. Hundreds and hundreds of women from towns and cities throughout the State come to this huge shopping and fashion center just to see what's new. Freese's alert style buyers make such frequent trips to New York that fashions which are just setting the pace on Fifth Avenue today, are also on display for you to see and try on our famous Third Floor of Fashions. Join the hundreds of style leaders who know that Freese's fashions are leaders of the field.

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Labor Is Nation's Greatest And Most Talked About Issue

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number of persons, who are more interested in a "cause" than in the future economic welfare of the workers. As the result of stampeding methods used by CIO-unions in large industrial plants, to use the words of Governor James of Pennsylvania, "Labor is at the cross-roads." Note that the Governor implies ALL labor, and not the CIO. And so with the "fake" Gallup poll, which also uses the term "all labor" in its criticism of leaders who, it is charged, are not doing what they should to avert strikes in defense industries.

At all gatherings of A. F. of L. unions, these including national, state and district conventions, repeated declarations and pledges are made to cooperate with the Government's defense program. It is true that in a few instances unions have deviated from this, but when this occurred, strikes which affected comparatively few men were quickly adjusted.

Hosts of friends throughout the country, including members of Congress, State legislators, friendly employers, members of various professions, fraternal, economic and other organizations, as well as members of A. F. of L. unions, fully realize the present situation as dangerous to the future of organized labor, and are earnestly hoping the President's 11-man mediation committee will be successful in accomplishing something that will make unnecessary any changes in legislation so greatly agitated for by the comparatively few who are

hell-bent on taking from bona fide labor the many legislative and other gains made during the many years of its legislative and organizing activities.

The twisted manner in which present conditions are made to appear by an untruthful press has, unfortunately, resulted in befuddling the minds of some who are inclined to question the sincerity of A. F. of L. unions. The especially prepared articles by newspaper columnists are vicious and most misleading in their general make-up. To some extent, they are causing some members of trade unions to take for granted what they read, without looking into facts, and to become more or less critical.

This is no time for anyone who is obligated to a trade union to become lax in his duties as a defender of the cause of labor. If he does, he is falling hard for the propaganda which is especially prepared to injure him and those with whom he is associated, and who will suffer should the enemies of labor succeed in making their plans effective.

The situation, as it is at present, demands that every A. F. of L. member in the country fully realize his or her responsibilities. That, through affiliation with an A. F. of L. union, all have pledged themselves to cooperate with the Government in the national defense program, and by this and other means do their utmost toward conserving conditions made possible as the result of many years of constructive effort.

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fees shall be the minimum possible in view of the benefits extended by the union organizations and reasonable time will be granted for the payment of such initiation fees.

These policies were adopted at an all-day meeting of the Executive Council of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor held last Saturday. Copies of two resolutions passed at this meeting will be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the Vice-President, the Speaker of the House, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of Labor, the Office of Production Management and the National Defense Mediation Board.

"In addition, officers of the inter-

national unions involved will be asked to instruct all of their local unions to comply with these policies and our 312 local councils of the Building and Construction Trades Department will be similarly notified.

"The Building and Construction

Latest Spring Fashions Displayed at Freese's Big Department Store

Freese's Department Store in Bangor is drawing large crowds of Easter shoppers this week from all sections of Penobscot County and other parts of Down East Maine. One of New England's finest and largest stores, Freese's presents the very latest Spring fashions in women's, misses', children's and men's and boys' wear and accessories in an array of styles and sizes to meet every requirement and within a range of prices that all can afford. Hundreds and hundreds of women have visited the huge store to select their Easter and Spring wardrobes. Once again, Freese's Third Floor of Fashions has been acclaimed the style center of the State. Styles that are brand new today in the smartest salons of Fifth Avenue are also being shown at this Bangor store. The men's and boys' clothing and

furnishings departments on the street floor are also featuring everything that is new in suits, sportcoats, hats and other furnishings.

Truly, it can be said that nowhere else in Maine under one roof can every need of the family be so well met in clothes than at Freese's.

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initiation fees with the officers and members of local unions located at points where these complaints originated, said local officers and members immediately explain that they sacrificed much while fighting for the establishment of decent wages and working conditions during a period of many years in the localities in which they reside.

"They show that they were compelled to pay the same amount of initiation fees now collected from new members into the local union where they were members of their local they paid their dues and assessments regularly each month.

"They protest strongly that non-union men who now secure employment made no contribution toward the establishment of the decent wage scales which prevail, but in securing

employment become the beneficiaries of the wage level established by the union, are entitled to enjoy all of its benefits, and that the union requires and compels the contractor to pay the heavily admitted member the same wage scale and accord to him the most favorable working conditions as every union member employed at the plant enjoys.

ALL SHARE BENEFITS PAID BY UNIONS

"These union members argue vehemently that the initiation fees charged new members do not represent an amount of money equal to that which they paid into the union over a long period of time all during which they fought for the establishment of decent wages and humane conditions of employment."

Green added that every cent of the initiation fees goes into local union treasuries and that new members share with older members in the sick, death and other benefits paid by local unions. He pointed out that local unions, under their constitutions, have the authority to fix initiation fees and said that national and international unions have acted within the limits of their authority by instructing the locals that "only a uniform standard initiation fee charge can be made."

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